THE DAILY INDEPENDENT.

L. 5. NO. 44 MONESSEN, PA., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1906. SIX CENTS THE WEEK

ERRYMAN HELD FOR COURT ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

y of Unbecoming Conduct While Bringing Woman Across the River at Eighth Street Ferry.

Monongahela Republican publish- following in yesterday's edition:

W. Black, a ferryman on the Eight lerry Charleroi, was held for court $500 bail by Squire Rice yesterday ng on a charge of assault preferred e. Kate Baker, of Monessen.

prosecutrix stated that she was in ngahela on Saturday and stopped Charleroi to see some friends before on to Monessen. About 8 o'clock evening she went to the Eight lerry and Black started to take her she being the only passenger. they were out on the river some e Black made insulting proposi- o her and threatened her with in- ould she refuse to accede to them iving at the Monessen side there everal passengers waiting to come Black wouldn't allow Mrs. Baker l and with the passengers taken on ry started back to Charleroi.

Baker was badly frightened but mustered up courage to tell one of ssengers of the affair. She was rotected, and landed with the assengers. Later she went on to en, returning to Charleroi to make ormation against the ferryman."

Robbers Again at Webster.

day evening robbers again made empt to enter several Webster but were unsuccessful. One of ces attacked was the Sarber re- . Early Sunday morning some entered Henry Langes barn and illing several chickens slaughtered g pig and left the carcass lay- nts there are of the opinion that it ame fiend who perpetrated a simi ough a more dastardly act some g and if caught it will go hard im.

Has Returned Home.

having spent a most pleasant n in a touring car over several City Solicitor A. M. Wyant has d home and is busily engaged gular his law practice. The party mposed of A. M. Wyant and his , Doctor Wyant of Sharon and a. They were absent three weeks ited eight states, traveling in all a e of over 2,300 miles. Not the t accident occurred to mar the e of the trip.

Holly Club Dance.

Holly club of Monessen gave a lightful social dance at Elliots st night. Dancing was in order until 12 o'clock, music being ed by the park orchestra. About uples were present including from Charleroi, Donora and Mon- a. The evening was very enjoy- ent.

$200,000 Diamond Robbery.

Pittsburg Dispatch of Sunday, 19, will contain the most thril ective story ever written, entitled 00,000 Diamond Robbery." One n follows another with such rap- at the reader is lifted off his fe-t. like mystery, action and sensa- itnations don't miss this remark- ry.

Attention Elks.

egular August meeting of the der B. P. O. Elks will take place ning at 8 o'clock in Kelly's Hall. nbers are requested to be present.

H. J. BRAHER, E. R.

Cal-Roscoe Beat Berlin.

oscoe defeated the Berlin Cham- Roscoe yesterday by the score). The superb pitching of Casey r with good support won for the rs.

Charleroi is Blanked.

eroi lost a great game to Waynes- sterday by score of 1 to 0. They nt out without a hit. A triple he first of the season in the P. O. gue was pulled off by Charleroi.

INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

A Goldberg of McKeesport was in Monessen today on business.

J. V. O'Connell was calling on friends in Belle Vernon last evening.

Dr. Barben, Dentist —Good crown and bridge work, a specialty.

S. Miller the clothier was a passenger on the early train to Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Young and baby are visiting friends at Monongahela.

Miss Lena Eutinger left today for Connellsville to attend the Centennial.

J. A. Black the Real Estate man paid a business visit to Donora this morning.

Kirk's Carnation Cream. A beauty maker, A beauty preserver, 25c a bottle.

Miss Alma Warner is spending a week in Pittsburg, the guest of Mrs. F. B. Lee.

L. Dorr proprietor of the Monessen Hotel was a business visitor in Pittsburg today.

Mrs. William Hoone and Mrs. Elmer Woodward are visiting friends in Reynoldsville.

Kirk's Special a guaranteed Tooth Brush at 25c. If the bristles drop out we will give you a new brush free.

Mrs. Max Mansbach and Mrs. B. F. Levy returned home last evening from a trip to Atlantic City.

Miss Mary Weber of Homestead returned home today after a short visit with friends in town.

Miss Grace Nowell, of Cleveland, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Raleigh on McKee Ave.

Razors: Up and down, up to $3.00 and down to $1.25. Bison Brand. Razor Strops. Light's Drug Store.

Miss Bessie Dowler head compositor at the Independent office, has gone to the country for a three weeks vacation.

J. P. Speilman the pop man and W. F. Herron of the Westmoreland Hotel were in New Kensington today on business.

Kirk's Violet Toilet Talcum Powder dont cost any more than inferior grades. Babies cannot do without it. 25c a bottle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Manown accompanied by their daughter Miss Vetta left today for Connellsville to attend the celebration.

J. K. Skelly of McKeesport was in town today on business connected with the local branch of the Skellys Department stores.

We noticed a few sad looking folks on the street the other day, but never saw them at our fountain. Thatcher's Drug Store 550 Donner avenue.

The stork alighted last evening on the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Forster of Second street, and left a dimpled little baby girl. G. W is "setting em up to the fellers."

Gus Kruell assistant chief of the Volunteer Fire department accompanied by Company No. 2 of the local firemen left on the 4:15 train to attend the convention at McDonald.

Monday evening the local K. of P. degree team accompanied by James F Kane Company No. 24 Uniformed Rank, will go to Charleroi for the purpose of organizing a lodge at that place.

Yes our business is growing, but we might do a great deal more. Can we count on you? Thatcher's Drug Store 550 Donner avenue.

C. R. New chief clerk at the Tin Plate mill left today for Duluth, Minn., where he will remain several weeks for the benefit of his health. In his absence J. I. Smith will be in charge of the office.

Mrs. M. S. Kisor of Wellston, Ohio, Mrs. John Sullivan of Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Etta Canfield of Delphas, Ohio, have returned home after spending the past week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Kisor.

ENJOYED TRIP TO MONESSEN.

About 100 members of the Uniformed Rank of the Knights of Pythias attended the meeting of the battallion at Monessen Monday night. The McKeesporters went to the Monongahela valley town on a special train, and were shown a most royal time. The principal streets of the borough were traversed and the McKeesporters were given a great ovation. At the hall there was nothing to it but McKeesport. The delegation arrived home about o'clock Tuesday morning and they vote the Monessen Knights one of the best.—McKeesport Times.

ENTERTAINED FRIENDS.

Mrs. William Smallwood Entertained Last Evening in Honor of Her Sister.

Mrs. William Smallwood entertained at her home on Morgan avenue last evening in honor of her sister Miss Florence Crouch. The evening passed off in a very enjoyable manner, music and songs furnished the principal amusement. An elegant lunch to which all did ample justice was served.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Sibbett, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Charles, Mrs. John Pierce, and the Misses Lola and Maud Charles, Hattie Penman, Lena Pierce, Melzie Sibbett and Mr. Earl Shutterly.

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Grand Boat Excursion.

The Monongahela Italian band and the Charleroi Italian band together have chartered the steamer Beauty for Sunday Aug. 19th. The two bands jointly will run an excursion from Brownsville to Kennywood park, stopping at the park four hours. Fare for the round trip will be 50 cents, children free. Both bands will give concerts on the boat and at the Park. A first class Italian Orchestra will be furnished on the boat. 38-41t

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HAVE ISSUED A CALL.

Commissioners and Assessors Will Meet Next Friday to Arrange for Tri-Annual Assessment.

The Commissioners of Westmoreland county have issued a call to all the assessors of the county for a mass meeting to be held in the court house next Friday morning. At this meeting the tax situation will be discussed, general instructions give the assessors, advice given where there is serious question about a valuation, and the matter of assessment thoroughly gone over before the books are handed out for the current tri-annual work.

The meeting is a detail for the widespread movement on now for the purpose of getting fair and equal assessments throughout the county. The chief adjustment will be with regard to corporate properties, which have been assessed much too low in the past, if reports are true.

The School Directors' Association of the county is one of the prime movers in the matter. Congressman Huff favors it and has promised to do all in his power to make it successful. Taxpayers are invited to the meeting next Friday, which promises to be of unusual interest.

Quite a number of improvements are being made at Corrigan Sisters Millinery establishment. The floors have been covered with linoleum and the place otherwise prepared for the opening of the fall millinery season which will soon be here.

Having absorbed the Westmoreland Democrat, Jas. K. Clark, proprietor of the Morning Star, yesterday took over the Greensburg daily Review. The Review will continue to apear as a morning paper but will be issued from the Star office. The publication office of the Democrat, however, will remain, for the present at least, as heretofore.

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REPORT SHOWS EAGLES IN THRIVING CONDITION.

Membership Gains 42,368 and Receipts are Nearly $3,000,000 and $592,000 for Relief.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug 14.—The first session of the Eagles Convention was called to order by the Grand Worthy President Hy. D. Davis, of Cleveland, this afternoon.

The report of Grand Secretary of Kansas City, A. E. Partridge, shows that the order since June, 1905, has added 362 Aeries, lost 20 and now has 1301 in good standing, the membership has shown a net gain of 42,368, now numbering 232,671.

During the same period the receipts of local Aerie's amounted to $2,985,212 and disbursments to $2,780,417 of which $592,000 was paid for relief. The assets of the various Aeries June 1, 1906, were valued at $863,830.61.

J. A. Madigan and Adam Brantegam of the local Aerie are delegates to the convention and left Sunday morning for Milwaukee.

The friends of Wooda N. Carr of Uniontown are proposing a coup in case their candidate is in danger of being beaten by Edward Krause of Wilmington, Del. If the Krause strength becomes threatening the Carr men will throw their strength to a Seattle man.

However, Haymond N. Carr of North Tonawanda, N. Y., city editor of the Evening News of that city, declared that big Tim would be found in the ranks of Wooda N. Carr. The Carr people claim solid delegation from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Oklahoma and southern states.

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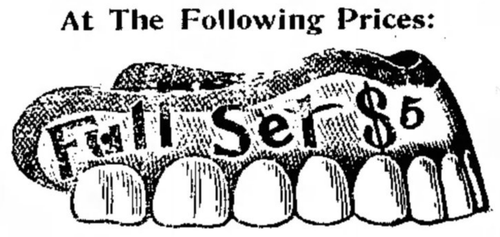

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ACCORDING to the Chicago Post the jam factories are dirty.

THE Hartje divorce suit cost $160,000. If a few more of those millionaires would stir up family troubles it might help keep money in circulation.

IN Monessen the all absorbing question is, "can you skate?" It won't be long before the girls will refuse to go out with a chap unless she first knows that he is perfectly at home on the rolleritis skatabus.

Now that the old maids and bachelors of Iowa have asked President Roosevelt to attend their state reunion and talk on race suicide, it is not hard to figure that the Standard Oil and beef trust questions are mere bagatelles compared with some things the chief executive is called upon to consider.

LONDON representatives of American packing houses refuse to take back the canned meats which English dealers have on hand and advise the English merchants to avoid the loss of millions by "letting the meat sensation die as quickly as possible and working off present stock." And yet the packers' paid defenders have the nerve to say that criticism of their methods is unjust.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that the partnership lately existing between F. L. Luce and P. F. Kane, of Monessen, Pa., under the firm of Luce & Kane, was dissolved on the first day of August, A. D. 1906, by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by said F. L. Luce and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment.

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The New Yorker has his Central park shrine, with which Belle Isle, at Detroit; Fairmount park, at Philadelphia; Shaw's gardens, at St. Louis; Lincoln park, at Chicago, and a hundred others are constantly being compared. With such a host of competitors for world honors it would be a bold person who would claim for Mexico City's Alameda the first place. It can at least be said of the park, however, that it stands at the head in a land of cotton flowers and tropical growths.

We Americans who have heard a hundred times of the Alamo, at San Antonio, Tex., may associate that name with the Alameda, for alamo is the Spanish word for poplar, the tree that was first planted extensively in the Alameda. Just twenty-eight years before the landing at Plymouth rock the viceroy of Mexico, Don Luis de Velasco, asked that a sum should be appropriated by the city for making pleasure grounds.

The market place of San Hipolito was the most convenient for that purpose, so changes were immediately made, trees planted, fountains erected, flowers set out and a high inclosing wall built that was pierced by gateways. West of this park extended an open space known by the significant name of Plaza del Quemadero, or burning place. Here rose a broad stone platform where the victims of the inquisition were burned.

About the time of the American Revolution this torture platform was removed and the open space added to the Alameda, resulting in a tract containing some twenty-two acres, being nearly 1,500 feet long and about half as wide. Miles of walks wind in and out among the shady nooks and pass in their meanderings a garden for birds and playgrounds for children, as well as numerous statues and figures.—Modern Mexico.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A compliment is always exaggerated.

The trouble with the marriage list is that it has to be revised so often.

About the only consolation found in growing old is that there is always one who is older.

These people with a great deal of assurance are quite often right, much as we dislike them.

Hatred of the rich is not modern. Remember the Bible story about Dives and Lazarus and how the rich man was punished?

Every man must be his own doctor and decide what is best in his case. The doctors and philosophers do not agree on anything.

A hen never tries to spread her wings over her grown rooster size son to protect him, but you will see mothers who haven't as much sense as the hen.—Atchison Globe.

The Russian Crown.

The crown used by the Russian czar resembles the dome formed patriarchal miter, which was a favorite shape among the Byzantines. Upon the summit appears a cross formed of five beautiful diamonds, which is also supported by a large spinel ruby, polished, but not faceted. This ruby and cross are supported by a foliated arch composed of eleven great diamonds and rising from the back and front of the base of the crown. On either side of this central arch is attached a hoop formed of thirty eight large and perfect pearls. The spaces on either side of these arches are filled with leafwork and ornaments in silver, incrusted with diamonds, underlaid with the richest purple velvet. The band which forms the base of the crown is of gold and is ornamented with twenty eight magnificent diamonds.

The Independent Farmer.

Buy a farm, young man. No matter how small it may be, buy a farm and prepare it so that your land will provide you a living. Twenty years from now the man who owns his own farm will be independent and will have at his command the means of a livelihood. The expansion of manufactures cannot go on forever, and there will come a day in this country, as there has in others, when the supply will exceed the demand and the only absolutely sure occupation will be farming. Buy a farm while one may be had.—Troy (Kan.) Chief.

Rome's Triumphal Crown.

The triumphal crown of Rome was made of laurel leaves and was given to the general who achieved a great victory over an enemy. He entered the city not by a gate, but over a portion of the wall which was thrown down to afford a passage. At his funeral his laurel crown was placed in his bier and buried with the body.

The Heartless Editor.

Assistant: This poet says that the last two verses of his poem may be omitted if you think it is desirable. Editor: I'll do better than that. I'll omit the whole poem.—Somerville Journal.

His Girl.

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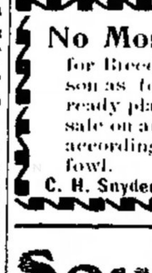

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An Intelligent Boatman

[Original.]

Miss Lila Ives, needing rest and country air, went to a lake in the mountains for the summer season. She took with her some books and a tonic that the doctor had given her, and the morning after her arrival, with a book under her arm, went to the landing to hire a launch. A boatman agreed to take her round the lake, and, seating herself in a wicker chair, the boatman went forward, took the helm and started the motor. Miss Ives sat with her book in her lap looking at the scenery. Presently she remembered that she had her tonic in her pocket. Raising the bottle, she read the printing on the label. It seemed to puzzle her. Presently she said to the boatman:

"Did you ever go to school?"

"Oh, yes."

"Study Latin?"

"Some."

"I'm puzzled at the meaning of a word. Perhaps you can help me. Not that it needs much knowledge, only what a schoolboy should know."

"What's the word?"

"Ferrated."

"It means ironed."

"Ironed? Like clothes from the wash?"

"No. Iron in it."

"Oh! Now I understand. Thanks."

Miss Ives relapsed into silence. Presently she asked:

"Did you study any Greek at your school?"

"Some of us did."

"If you could go on in its study so as to read the Greek poets you would find them very rich, so I'm told."

"I don't need to read them in the original, since our modern poets have been drawing on them for centuries."

Miss Ives was astonished. What did this common fellow know about poetry? Yet Burns was a plowman, and he wrote beautiful poetry. Perhaps this man was one of that kind.

"Do you write poetry?" she asked.

"Oh, dear, no! That's not in my line But I read it."

"What do you mean by your line? What is your line?"

"Running this launch just now."

"Do you always run it?"

"Not in winter. I'd have to turn it into an ice boat if I did."

There was more silence, during which the boatman curved his craft around the end of the lake and started back. Miss Ives had grown a trifle afraid of him. She couldn't make him out.

"I suppose," she asked haltingly—"I suppose you have a favorite poet, haven't you?"

"No, I don't know that I have."

"Longfellow is mine."

"He had a way of taking other people's productions and infusing into them a certain sweetness that was all his own."

Miss Ives was as much startled as if an owl had given a criticism on the book of Job. For the rest of the trip she shut herself up like a steel trap. When she reached the landing the boatman stepped on to the boards and held the launch's nose while Miss Ives also made her exit. She went up to him and handed him half a dollar, feeling very much as if she were offering a tip to a gentleman. He took it, put it in his pocket and tied his boat, while she walked demurely to her hotel.

Miss Ives the next morning was suddenly called back home and did not get out of the city again during the summer. Her curiosity had been excited, and she resolved to go again the next season to the lake in order to solve the riddle of the boatman. When July came she did so and the morning after her arrival went down to the landing to hire the launch. The launch was there, but in the hands of another man.

"What has become of the man who ran this launch last year?" she asked.

"I bought the boat of him; hope I'll do as well as he did. He paid for it in July and made $500 in August."

"Why doesn't he run it this year?"

"Oh, he's a grad."

"A what?"

"The corporation is to send him abroad to study to be 'prof.' of the romances."

"'Prof.' of the romances! What do you mean by that?"

"Professor of the romance languages."

Miss Ives caught her breath.

"Has he gone yet?"

"No; he doesn't go till fall. He'll be here presently to give me a little coaching on this motor. There he is now."

A respectable looking young man in a blue serge suit came sauntering down to the dock. Miss Ives envied a frog she saw plunge into the lake and disappear. The boatman of last year recognized her. There was an amused expression on his face. Miss Ives was badly rattled.

"I've been thinking of you ever since last summer," she said, then paused and blushed. "I mean that I've been wondering how a boatman could criticise great poets."

"He can't; he only thinks he can. Nobody can do that. Large masses of readers are the only critics."

"Why didn't you tell me?"

"What—that I was what the countrymen about here call 'one o' them student chaps that scratches for knowledge in winter and money in summer?"

Miss Ives' unintentional admission that she had been thinking of him for a year started what in youth needs but little impulse. When the professor of the romance languages returned to take his chair at the university he also took upon himself vows which can only be broken in those states having easy divorce laws. ARLINE PHILLIPS.

MUSIC STRINGS.

The Great Amount of Material Required to Meet the Demand.

"One of the most generally accepted but mistaken ideas that are entertained by the people of this country," said a traveling representative of a foreign manufactory of gut strings, "is that strings used on musical instruments are manufactured from catgut. If that were true the cats in this world would have been exterminated many years ago in supplying the market with material for musical instrument strings.

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THE GOD OF WAR.

Blustering Mars and His Name Month, the Thracian of the Twelve.

Mars was not a favorite among the classic Greeks, nor is his name month a great favorite among the Gothic moderns. The god of war was a barbarian intruder in the Olympian circle. There was something Thracian, and by that token crude and unworthy in his manner. He was more of a blusterer than a fighter, and Homer narrates with evident relish how Pallas Athene tumbled him over in combat, his vast bulk covering several acres. Of wild aspect, untutored ways and indifferent wits, he had little to recommend him but his immoral origin.

Such also is the month that has taken the war god's name. One poet notes its "ugly looks and threats." "A half wild creature cast from nature's lap," another calls it. The proverb "mad as a March hare" says the same thing with less reticence. English people call the month "March Manyweathers" and thereby intimate their doubt of its capacity for sustained purpose. It is the Thracian of the twelve, as September is the Tyrian. There is something blustering and barren in its aspect, as there is in what people call "a good war." The winds that blow from one end of it to the other are not "the winds of God." A peck of March dust may be worth a king's ransom, as a wise saw has it, but from the average human it gets less grateful guerdon. "Beware the ides of March" is good wisdom for our common humanity.—New York Mail.

Prunes and Indigestion.

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He Met Him.

"When you go to New Zealand I wish you would inquire after my great-grandfather, Jeremiah Thompson." "Certainly," said the traveler. And wherever he went he asked for news of the ancestor, but without avail, according to the Dundee Advertiser. One day he was introduced to a fine old Maori of advanced age. "Did you ever meet with an Englishman named Jeremiah Thompson?" he asked. A smile passed over the Maori's face. "Meet him?" he repeated. "Why, I ate him!"

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The Regret of His Life.

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Two Poor Waiters.

Hewitt—Time waits on no man. Jewett—I guess that's the name of the new waiter at my restaurant.—New York Press.

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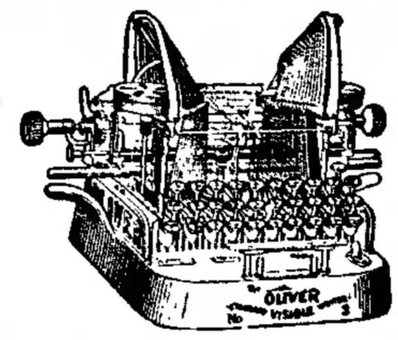

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WEBSTER NOTES.

Dad Brickers parlor circus gave a performance here last evening. A fair sized crowd attended.

About six local members of the Knights of Malta paid a visit to the Charleroi Lodge last evening.

W. F. Johnson, night operator at the North Webster tower, was in Pittsburg yesterday on business.

On Saturday afternoon the First team of Webster will play a game of ball with the strong Gibsonton aggregation. The locals realize that they are going against a strong proposition, but will try hard to put the cleaner on the Gibsontoniane. Everyone turn out and see the game. The boys promise the best they have in the ball tossing line.

Walter Craft has resigned his position position as meat cutter at the Equitable Company store, to accept a better one at his home near Brownsville.

Dr. J. P. Frye was a passenger on the 10:10 train to Monessen.

Henry Lange, proprietor of the Lange Hotel was in Monessen to-day on business.

Wm. Bainbridge spent Sunday with his parents at Irwin.

Misses Fannie and Kate Lange were visiting friends in Belle Vernon over Sunday.

A hay wagon load of the local members Sons of Temperance drove to Sutersville Monday evening, where they visited the lodge at that place.

F. L. Richards operator at the U. X. tower, returned yesterday from Pittsburg, where he attended the funeral of his wife's father.

Samuel Sharrah spent part of Sunday with friends at Monongahela.

Frank Brown, our well known grocer, is spending a week with friends at Monongahela.

Miss Eva McDonald, head clerk at the Pittsburg Coal Company's office, is unable to attend to her duties on account of illness.

James Conroy, our genial tonsorial artist, has gone to Mt. Clemins, Mich., where he will remain a week.

Mrs. Wm. Fitch returned yesterday from Roscoe where she spent the past several days the guest of her father.

WASHINGTON AS A FIREMAN.

He Was a Member of the Friendship Fire Company.

George Washington was a member of the Friendship Fire company, organized in 1774 in his home, Alexandria. At first the company consisted of citizens who, out of "mutual friendship," agreed to carry to every fire "two leathern buckets and one great bag of ozmaburg or wider linnen." Washington was made an honorary member, and when he went as a delegate to the congress of 1774 at Philadelphia he examined the fire engines in use there. On his return to Philadelphia to the Continental congress in 1775 he bought from a man named Gibbs a small fourth class engine for the sum of £80 10s., and just before he set out for Boston Heights to become commander in chief he dispatched this little engine to the Friendship company.

During his younger days he always attended fires in Alexandria and helped to extinguish them. In the last year of his life a fire occurred near the market. He was riding down King street at the time, followed by his servant, who was also on horseback. Washington saw that the Friendship engine was insufficiently manned, and, riding up to a group of well dressed gentlemen standing near the scene of action, he called out authoritatively:

"Why are you idle there, gentlemen? It is your business to lend in these matters."

After which he leaped off his horse, and, seizing the brakes, was followed by a crowd that gave the engine such a shaking up as it had not had for many a day.

A Popular Welsh Drink.

All the Welsh counties swear by a drink called sowbeer. It is made from fourteen different field herbs, is harmless, except for its sleepy effects, and resembles treacle more than anything. The Welsh villagers always smoke a thin cigarette of dried sage when they drink sowbeer. The stuff is too complicated a mixture for the villagers to brew, but in all the larger towns there are dealers who make it.—London Telegraph.

Deceiving.

Minister—I'm sorry to find you coming out of a public house again, Hamish, after all you promised me. Hamish—Aye, sir, it's wonnerful what an awfu' deceivin' thing this mist is. D'ye ken, I went in there the noo thinkin' 'twas the butcher's shop.—London Tit-Bits.

Leaves seem light, useless, idle, wavering and changeable they even dance. Yet God has made them part of the ...k.—Leigh Hunt

TIPS AND TIPPING.

The Customary Exactions on Board the Atlantic Liners.

Do not take fright at what you may hear about excessive tips on steamers and in Europe. They are numerous, but need not be large. To scatter your money wildly in tips will mark you as a novice. All the servants will quickly spot you, pass the word around and fleece you. Tips vary, of course, in accordance with the grade of steamers, hotels and other accommodations. If you travel in a specially equipped floating palace you must expect to pay at least $25 for steamer tips. On regular first class steamers, however, the following are customary and will be ample: Stateroom steward, $2.50; state room stewardess, $2.50; dining room steward, $2.50. These are obligatory. On the cheaper first class steamers they may be reduced to $1 each and be entirely dignified. It all depends on the boat. By talking with other passengers you can readily learn the customary scale for your steamer. If you use the bathroom regularly, pay the bathroom steward $1; if less frequently this might be cut to 25 cents a bath. If you read books from the library, give the steward a tip varying from $1 down to 25 cents, according to grade of steamer and frequency of his service to you.

The deck steward's gratuity is a variable quantity; he has opportunity for getting tips from so many people that he fares better than inside stewards, who are restricted to a certain number; hence do not be uneasy about him. Give him what you think he has earned in waiting on you, according to relative service with the other stewards. A dollar is the maximum expected on ordinary boats.

Thus your total tips need not exceed $10 a voyage and may not be more than $5. Be reasonable in what you require of stewards, and if you should ask special service of them outside the line of their regular duties, pay them for it.—Myra Emmons in Good Housekeeping.

EARTH'S LATENT POWER.

All Solid Substance May Vanish in a Moment of Time.

The late Professor S. P. Langley, secretary of the Smithsonian institution, speaking of earthquakes, said:

"The consideration of the unfamiliar powers certainly latent in nature, such as belong to a little tremor of the planet's surface or such as was shown in that scene I have described," referring to phenomena he had witnessed when the comparatively insignificant effect of a few tons of dynamite was to make solid buildings unrecallies, "may help us to understand that the words of the great poet are but the possible expression of a physical fact; that 'the cloud capped towers, the gorgeous palaces, the solemn temples, and we with them, may indeed some day inconceivably vanish as the airy nothing at the touch of Prospero's wand, and without the warning to us of a single instant that the security of our ordinary lives is about to be broken.'

"We concede this, however, in the present case only as an abstract possibility, for the advance of astronomical knowledge is much more likely to show that the kernel of the comet is but the pigness of some large meteorite against which our air is an efficient shield, and the chance of evil is most remote—in any case only such as may come in any hour of our lives from any quarter, not alone from the earthquake, but from the pestilence that walketh in darkness from the infinitely little below and within us as well as from the infinite powers of the universe without.

"Something common to man and the brute speaks at such times, if never before or again; something which is not altogether physical apprehension, but more like the moral dismay when the shock of an earthquake is felt for the first time, and we know that startling doubt superior to reason whether the valid frame of earth is real, and not 'baseless as the fabric of a vision.'"—Washington Star.

The Oldest House in Louisiana.

The oldest building in Louisiana, the ancient archbishopric on Chartres street, New Orleans, boasts of one of the handsomest courtyards. The building was erected in 1727 and remains exactly as it was first erected. Visitors will remark the ancient staircase of cypress, worn by the passing of generations. In the courtyard is seen one of the oldest and best preserved specimens of the "Spanish dagger." It dates back, so those who claim to know aver, to the building of the palace, and indeed its height and dignity indicate anything but youth.—Craftsman.

Impertinent.

Originally the word "impertinent" signified merely "not belonging to." When Wycliffe said that there were many men in this world who were "impertinent to earthly lords" he did not mean that they were "cheeky," but merely that they had no masters. Then, as used by Shakespeare, "impertinent" came to mean "irrelevant." Just 200 years ago it was defined as signifying "absurd, silly, idle."

Indefinite.

"Darling, yours shall be a sunny lot in life."

"Now, look here, George, are you talking of your behavior or of where we are going to build in the suburbs?"—Baltimore American.

The Only One In His Class.

Mrs. Goldrox—I don't send Reggie to a public school because he is so unlike other boys. He has a private tutor of his own. Mr. Blunt—I see. Your boy is, as you might say, in a class by himself.—New York Herald.

A Puzzling Signature

[Original.]

The following note is plain enough since I have deciphered it, but in the original it looks as though a fly had escaped from an ink bottle and dragged itself across the paper:

Come up tonight. I have something to tell you. Don't fail. That which has appeared crooked I will make straight.

Unfortunately there was one thing about the note that I could not decipher that was the signature. It looked more like E. W. Mallve or Maline than anything else, but it might be almost any name. The handwriting was masculine, so I might infer that my correspondent was a man. But he might be a man or an orang outang or a Hottentot, either of whom could have written as good a hand. I thought over every man I knew whose conduct toward me had appeared in any way crooked, but I could think of no one except Ned Nolan, whose initials were E. V.

It was as possible to twist E. V. Nolan out of the scrawl as anything else. Why he should expect me to come and see him I couldn't imagine. He had owed me $10 borrowed money for six months, and I saw nothing to make anything straight about it except by paying up.

I finally settled down to the opinion that this was the explanation and dismissed the matter from my mind. I certainly had no intention to hunt up Nolan and took no notice of his note. In about a week I received another puzzle in the same handwriting and with the same signature. It read:

I have no answer to mine of last week. I suppose you blame me. I write this to make sure you have received my note.

This came by messenger, and I replied by the person who brought it. Neither of the notes I received gave any location. They simply gave the date. This was my reply:

What you owe me is a trifle, but I should suppose your self respect would have prompted you to make "the crooked straight" long ago.

I wrote this on a slip of paper, folded it once and was about to address it when I thought it wasn't worth while to address a line written on a scrap, so I gave it to the messenger as it was.

This was about the time the Spanish-American war broke out, and, being a lieutenant in the national guard, I went to Cuba. When I came back to Montauk Point, between wounds and fevers there wasn't much left of me. A number of nurses came down to help us along, some of them patriotic young ladies who served without compensation. One day, awaking from a sleep, I saw standing at the foot of my camp cot the only girl I had ever loved.

Pity was in her eye and doubtless in her heart, though she had refused me a long while before, and it was on account of this refusal that I had been content to go to Cuba. Indeed, I had been desperate enough to prefer to leave my body there. Of course the meeting was embarrassing, but my condition did not admit of her thinking of a past situation, and she at once began to busy herself in the matter of making me more comfortable.

When I got better she would sit by me and read to me, and I longed to reopen the matter that had been between us, but the moment I ventured the slightest reference to anything leading up to it she drew down her features forbiddingly, and I was forced to desist. One day she told me that she had met a friend of mine, a Mr. Nolan. I did not speak enthusiastically of Nolan, and she was curious to know the reason. Men do not like to give each other away to women. I certainly did not wish to tell her that Nolan owed me a trifle of $10, as she would attribute my opinion of him solely to that if I did, so I said:

"Oh, he writes an execrable hand. He wrote me a letter once, in which he said, 'That which is crooked I will make straight,' then signed his name in such a crooked fashion that if I hadn't known his motive in writing I might have supposed his note to be from some one else."

She made no comment on this, but went away, and I didn't see her till the next day. Then I asked her to write a letter for me. When she handed me the letter to read over I sprang up in bed.

"By Jove!"

Her handwriting was identical with that of the two letters I had received supposedly from Nolan. Then I remembered that we had lived since our acquaintance in the same town and I had never seen her handwriting.

"How do you sign letters to your friends?" I asked.

"Emmaline."

"Write it."

She wrote "Emmaline," and it was the identical fly track I had seen twice before.

Of course there was an explanation. Intending to reverse her decision, she had written me to come to her, but when she got my note she vowed she would never speak to me again. It even made her angry when she knew that it was intended for Nolan, and I had a lot of trouble to convince her that it wasn't.

It's all right now. We've been married five years. My wife writes a worse hand and her signature is no more intelligible than ever. She is now Mrs. Nye, and the replies to letters she writes come to Mrs. Bye, Hie, Lie and often Cry. If I wish to make her mad I call her Nolan.

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